



Subject: Year 2 MAST Through-Year Pilot: Important Updates and Next Steps
9.29.23 Weekly MAST Newsletter

Live Q&A/Training Sessions

Live training and Q&A sessions will continue throughout the administration year. See the schedule below for topic sessions, asynchronous videos, and Live Q&A Zoom links. All past recordings and training videos are available on the OPI MAST webpage under [Yr. 2 Teacher Resources](#). This [MAST Training & Install Link Document](#) may be a useful resource to disseminate to your staff. All Kite Portal training will utilize the same Zoom link and passcode.

Session 1: MAST Program and Product Design Live Q&A Session

[Recording](#) | [MAST Program Focus video](#) | [Math MasteryGuide Pilot slides](#) | [ELA MasteryGuide Pilot slides](#)

Session 2: Installation

Date: September 26, 2023

Time: 3:30 - 4:30 pm MST

[Recording](#)

Session 3: Rostering and Install Support

Date: October 3, 2023

Time: 3:30 - 4:30 pm MST

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 958 1600 2914 | Passcode: 278441

Session 4: Utilizing the Student Practice Test, Rostering, and Additional Install Support

Date: October 10, 2023

Time: 3:30 - 4:30 pm MST

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 958 1600 2914 | Passcode: 278441

Session 5: Open Session for any Districts Needing to Prepare for the First Testing Window

Date: October 17, 2023

Time: 3:30 - 4:30 pm MST

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 958 1600 2914 | Passcode: 278441



The following asynchronous training videos have been provided by our testing partner, ATS, to assist in understanding and using the Kite Platform. It is recommended that the following testing roles watch the listed videos to help ensure the success of administering the MAST Pilot.

Test Administrator (TA):

[Intro to Kite Suite](#)
[Getting Started in Kite Educator Portal – MT](#)
[Intro to Kite Student Portal – MT](#)
[Testlet Administration – MT](#)

System Testing Coordinator (STC):

[Intro to Kite Suite](#)
[Getting Started in Kite Educator Portal – MT](#)
[User Management](#)
[Student PNP Settings](#)
[Student and Rosters - MT](#)
[Testlet Administration – MT](#)
[Data Extracts](#)
[Dashboards](#)

Building Coordinator (BC)/Authorized Representative (AR):

[Intro to Kite Suite](#)
[Getting Started in Kite Educator Portal – MT](#)
[User Management](#)
[Data Extracts](#)
[Dashboards](#)

Parent Letter

In accordance with our standard practice for statewide assessments, it is mandatory for school districts to inform parents or guardians about scheduled assessments. To assist you in effectively communicating with parents or guardians regarding the MAST Pilot, please find linked a comprehensive [Parent Letter Template](#). This template will serve as a helpful guide in notifying parents or guardians about the upcoming assessment and providing them with relevant information.

Curriculum Alignment Survey

Individual districts have been emailed PDFs of their final MAST math and ELA testing schedules based on the information districts provided in the Curriculum Alignment Survey. If you have not received your testing schedules, please reach out to [Tressa Graveley](#) with the OPI. Additional details about the math and ELA assessments, including math and ELA standards blueprints, can be found on the OPI MAST webpage under [Yr. 2 Teacher Resources](#).

Student Portal Install Guides

Technology Coordinators: We strongly recommend having the secure browser installed by October 16th.

New Pilot Participants: Install the Kite Student Portal application on all testing devices using the download and install manuals on the OPI MAST webpage. Ensure that the Kite domain is whitelisted.

Returning Pilot Participants: There are no changes to the Kite Student Portal application for the 2024 school year. Simply ensure that the application is still installed on testing devices. If it's not, you can download and install it using the [Tips for Install](#) sheet. Also, verify network settings and whitelist the Kite domain if needed.

Install Guides:

[Student Portal Installation Guide - Windows](#)

[Student Portal Installation Guide - Mac](#)

[Student Portal Installation Guide - Chromebook](#)

[Student Portal Installation Guide - iPad](#)

Accessing Student Reports for Y1 MAST Participating Schools

Y1 MAST Participating Districts have access to last year's student reports through the Kite Platform. Users with the District Testing Coordinator roles can use the same login credentials that were used during the previous year to access these reports. If you encounter any difficulties while trying to access the student reports, please don't hesitate to reach out to Kite Support using the contact information provided below. Use this link to access the [Kite - Educator Portal \(kiteaai.org\)](https://kiteaai.org) and student reports.

Kite Support

The Kite Service Desk is here to assist you with any questions related to the processes mentioned above or any other Kite-related inquiries. You can reach the Kite Service Desk as follows:

- Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. MST
- Phone: (855) 277-9752
- Email: Kite-support@ku.edu

Testing Windows and Testlet Information

Each standard testlet is expected to be completed in under 30 minutes (*likely less time but no more than*) with most students being able to complete two testlets within a 45-minute window. The ELA PT (*exclusively administered in the 4th OPI window*) is expected to be completed in less than 45 minutes. The number of Math testlets scheduled throughout the five testing windows will vary for each school district based on your curriculum and pacing.

ELA Assessment Components:

- Six (6) Standard Testlets
- One (1) Performance Task (*administered exclusively in the 4th testing window*)

Math Assessment Components:

- Twelve (12) Standard Testlets
- One (1) Math Anchor (*referred to as T13 Anchor Testlet*)

Testing Window 1: 10/23 - 11/10 (*both Math and ELA testlets delivered*)
Testing Window 2: 11/27 - 12/15 (*only Math testlets delivered*)
Testing Window 3: 1/29 - 2/16 (*both Math and ELA testlets delivered*)
Testing Window 4: 3/11 - 4/5 (*Math and only ELA Performance Task delivered*)
Testing Window 5: 4/15 - 5/10 (*both Math and ELA testlets delivered*)

The Purpose of the T-13 Anchor Testlet

Like most traditional summative assessments, through-year assessments may use multiple forms (versions). To ensure comparable summative scores across two distinct forms, an innovative equating design is imperative, as students participating in each form may systematically differ without a random sampling design. MasteryGuide is using a through-year equating design, employing anchor items between forms to ensure uniformity and comparability.

These anchor items should suffice for the equating design. However, since this assessment and equating design is quite innovative, it must be validated in the pilot using a traditional end-of-year equating method. The anchor form is the tool for this traditional equating method. It is a testlet administered at the end-of-year that is identical in both forms and includes most of the anchor items that were already administered throughout the year. This dual approach will test the sufficiency of the through-year anchor items for equating purposes. Ensuring the comparability of summative scores across different forms is paramount in maintaining the integrity and fairness of the testing environment, making the implementation of this comprehensive equating strategy crucial for the success of future test design and operation.

On the Horizon

Student enrollment and rostering: The OPI will commence student enrollment into the Kite platform shortly after the official student count date in the first week of October. Subsequently, System Testing Coordinators (STCs) will have their accounts updated, enabling them to begin rostering students to their respective teachers in preparation for the first testing window on October 23, 2023. Further communication from the OPI will be shared in the weekly MAST Newsletter, outlining the next steps following student enrollment into the Kite platform.

Thank you for your dedication and participation in this important initiative. Resources and updates can be found on the [OPI MAST Webpage](#) and in the monthly [OPI Compass](#) under MAST updates. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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